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1. HIGHLIGHTS. SOME FRIDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED NATO MEETING
ON ARMS STANDARDIZATION, BALTSUN SAYING US RESISTS
EUROPEAN PRESSURE TO BUY ARMS. WASHPOST FRONTPAGED TURKEY
SAYS ARMS BAN IS THREAT TO RELATIONS. SATURDAY BALTSUN

FRONTPAGED FORD QUESTIONS PORTUGAL'S NATO ROLE. SUNDAY NYTIMES WASHSTAR FEATURED OUR SUBS SLITHER ALONG SOVIET COAST; BALTSUN FRONTPAGED KISSINGER PREVIEWS FORD TRIP. MONDAY BALTSUN FRONTPAGED KISSINGER REASSURES KREMLIN ON DETENTE; ALSO NEW US MINE COULD BLOCK SOVIET SUBMARINE ROUTES. TUESDAY WASHPOST FRONTPAGES MANSFIELD ON KOREA. COMMENT SCATTERED.

1A. FRIDAY WASHSTAR BRADSHER REPORTED US RELAXING A KEY STANDARD FOF MIRV VERIFICATION; INSIDE HAD SCHLESINGER URGES ALLIES TO SPEND MORE ON ARMS; BALTSUN INSIDE REPORTED US FACING TEST AT NATO SUMMIT; NYTIMES REPORTED MANSFIELD FORCING FIGHT ON DIEGO GARCIA.

1B. SATURDAY WASHPOST REPORTED FORD SAYS AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL REJECT ISOLATIONISM; ALSO US-RUSS FLIGHT TO GO ON SCHEDULE; PLUS DUTCH PICK US FIGHTER WITH LINK TO 4-NATION SALE. BALTSUN REPORTED SCHLESINGER FAILED TO WARM NATO

ALLIES UP TO SPAIN. NYTIMES REPORTED LONG-TERM PLANS OF NATO ARE EXTENDED; ALSO TURKS REBUFF KISSINGER BID ON CYPRUS. WASHSTAR REPORTED PENTAGON WORRIED BY KISSINGER'S MISSILE POLICY.

1C. SUNDAY PAPERS REPORTED SOVIETS LAUNCHED 2-MAN SPACECRAFT FOR STATION LINKUP. NYTIMES REPOFTED AIDES SOFTEN FORD'S REMARKS ON LISBON; WASHPOST REPORTED KISSINGER ON PORTUGAL; WASHSTAR REPORTED NATO PARLIAMEN-TARIANS ASSAIL US.

1D. MONDAY WASHPOST ROUNDUP REPORTED 2 SOVIETS DOCK WITH SALYUT-4; OSNOS REPORTED SOVIET NOT PULLING US TIGER'S TAIL AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME; NYTIMES REPORTED HELSINKI AWAITS EUROPEAN CONFEREES.

1E. TUESDAY PAPERS REPORT KISSINGER SIMON DEPART FOR PARIS CONFERENCE; ALSO FORD DECLARES US MUST STAY STRONG; UNCLASSIFIED

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NYTIMES REPORTS SOVIET CREW DOCKS WITH SPACE STATION; BALTSUN REPORTS FORD SOFTENS HIS HINT OF FORCE RE OIL EMBARGO; ALSO HAS WASHINGTON AP, US MOVES TOXIC GASES OUT OF ICELAND.

2. SALT. SATURDAY WASHSTAR BRADSHER REPORTED SENIOR PENTAGON OFFICIALS SAY US SHOULD FACE AS A DANGEROUS ISSUE A DISCREPANCY IN THE SIZE OF US AND SOVIET NUCLEAR MISSILES WHICH LIES SUBMERGED IN PRESENT ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS, SUGGESTING THAT A DIRECT CHALLENGE TO KISSINGER MIGHT BECOME NECESSARY BEFORE LONG. BRADSHER SAYS DEFENSE DEPARTMENT IS WORRIED THAT SOVIET UNION NOW HAS CAPABILITY OF HURLING SOME FOUR MILLION POUNDS OF

NUCLEAR WARHEADS AT AMERICA WHILE US CAN LOFT ONLY ABOUT HALF THAT MUCH WEIGHT, AND SOVIETS WILL RAISE THEIR WEIGHT TO 12 MILLION POUNDS BY 1981, WHEREAS KISSINGER SAYS THE THROW-WEIGHT ARGUMENT IS AN UNREAL ISSUE. ULTIMATE DECISION, SAID BRADSHER, DEPENDS UPON CONGRESSIONAL WILLINGNESS TO VOTE THE MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF MONEY NEEDED TO MATCH SOVIET CAPABILITIES.

2A. TUESDAY NYTIMES EDITORIALIZES ON SALT PROGRESS, SAYING SUMMIT WILL BE HARDLY WORTHWHILE IF CAN'T SIGN SALT TWO, ADDING KISSINGER-GROMYKO TALKS IN VIENNA MADE A USEFUL START ON THE COMPROMISES NECESSARY, CITING

AGREEMENT COMMITTING BOTH SIDES TO RAPID REDUCTIONS TO THE 2400-MISSILE-LEVEL AND IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS.

3. FORD. SATURDAY WASHPOST MARDER MADRID REPORTED KISSINGER RETURNING TO WASHINGTON TO REPORT TO FORD HE FOUND MORE DISQUIET AMONG ALLIES THAN ANTICIPATED, TELLING AMEMBASSY EMPLOYEES AT ANKARA: NO ONE SHOULD KID HIMSELF THAT THE WAY THE WAR ENDED IN INDOCHINA DID NOT HEAVILY MORTGAGE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY EVERYWHERE.

3A. SUNDAY NYTIMES BINDER WASHINGTON SAID FORD'S STATEMENT HE INTENDED TO ASK NATO TO CONSIDER WHETHER PORTUGAL SHOULD BE EXPELLED WAS BLUNTED TODAY BY OFFICIALS INCLUDING KISSINGER WHO SAID HE DOUBTED SUBJECT OF PORTUGAL UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD BE TAKEN UP AT PLENARY NATO SESSIONS AT END OF WEEK, BUT MIGHT COME UP AT BILATERAL SESSIONS. SIMILARLY WASHPOST MORGAN STRESSED US HAS NO INTENTION OF FORCING A CONFRONTATION OVER PORTUGAL'S MEMBERSHIP. BALTSUN WASHINGTON SPECIAL ALSO NOTES FORD IS BOOKED TO CONFER WITH PORTUGUESE PM; BUT IF LEFTIST ARMED FORCES COUNCIL CONTINUES TO TIGHTEN ITS GRIP AT ITS PRESENT RATE GONCALVES MAY SOON BE REDUCED TO FIGUREHEAD STATUS.

3B. TUESDAY JO"EPH KRAFT COLUMN ON FORD'S TRIP CONCLUDES TEST OF ITS SUCCESS WILL BE HOW FAR MR. FORD GETS BEYOND THE USUAL CLICHES ABOUT REAFFIRMING COMMITMENTS AND REASSURING FRIENDS, KRAFT ADDING THAT BOWLING ALONG WITH BREZHNEV'S TIMETABLE FOR CSCE, SALT, AND A GENEVA MIDEAST CONFERENCE IS PLAINLY A HAZARDOUS EXERCISE, AS AMERICAN ALLIANCES WILL CONTINUE TO DECAY AND RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD TO DETERIORATE.

4. NATO. FRIDAY BALTSUN TREWHITT WASHINGTON SAYS US AIM AT NATO IS TO GENERATE A DEEPER SENSE OF WESTERN UNITY, EVEN THOUGH NO DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE EXPECTED. ALSO BRUSSELS SESSION WILL HAVE IMPORTANT BEARING ON CSCE AND

OTHER MEETINGS TO COME.

4A. SUNDAY WASHSTAR BRUSSELS ROUNDUP ITEM REPORTED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MEMBERS ACCUSED US CONGRESS OF A POST-VIETNAM LOSS OF INTEREST IN EUROPE AND ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, CRITICISM FOCUSING ON THE UNDER"IZED US DELEGATION--ONLY FOUR OF ITS 36 MEMBERS HAVING ATTENDED THIS WEEK'S MEETING, BY FAR THE SMALLEST AMERICAN TURNOUT IN YEARS. AP REPORTED OFFICIALS SAID WEST GERMANY'S BLUMENFELD REFLECTED A CONSENSUS IN THE ASSEMBLY.

5. SOVIET UNION. SUNDAY NYTIMES HERSH REPORTED THAT FOR NEARLY 15 YEARS US NAVY HAS BEEN USING ELECTRONIC SUBMARINES TO SPY AT TIMES INSIDE THE THREE-MILE LIMIT OF SOVIET UNION AND OTHER NATIONS AND THESE MISSIONS ARE CREDITED WITH SUPPLYING VITAL INFORMATION ON THE CONFIGURATION, CAPABILITIES, NOISE PATTERNS AND MISSILE-FIRING ABILITIES OF THE SOVIET SUBMARINE FLEET; BUT CRITICS SAY MOST OF THIS INTELLIGENCE CAN BE GATHERED BY LESS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROVOCATIVE MEANS SUCH AS SATELLITES.

5A. MONDAY BALTSUN CORDDRY WASHINGTON REPORTED US NAVY WILL SOON START PRODUCING A NEW TYPE OF ANTISUBMARINE WEAPON--A TORPEDO MINE CALLED CAPTOR--THAT COULD SHARPLY ALTER THE ODDS IN A FUTURE BATTLE TO KEEP THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC SEA LANES OPEN.

5B. MONDAY WASHPOST OSNOS MOSCOW REPORTED AMERICANS WHO HAVE MET WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS RECENTLY HAVE FOUND THEM UNUSUALLY GOOD-HUMORED AND COOPERATIVE, AND ONE NEWS AGENCY REPORTED KISSINGER IN SIX YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GROMYKO HAD NEVER FOUND FONMIN SO RELAXED AS DURING VIENNA TALKS. MOSCOW REFERENCES TO MAYAGUEZ HAVE ALSO BEEN MILD.

5C. MONDAY BALTSUN PARKS MOSCOW REPORTED KISSINGER HAS CONSIDERABLY EASED SOVIET ANXIETY THAT US IS ADOPTING A TOUGHER ATTITUDE TOWARD EAST-WEST DETENTE, HAVING

ASSURED GROMYKO AT VIENNA, AND KREMLIN NOW IS QUIETLY SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS MADE ON SEVERAL DIFFICULT ISSUES AND THE POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE OF VIENNA MEETING.

6. CSCE. MONDAY NYTIMES WREN HELSINKI REPORTED FINNISH OFFICIALS STILL HOPE FOR JULY SUMMIT, AND PLANS ARE ALL READY FOR THIS LARGEST MEETING OF CHIEFS OF STATE IN EUROPEAN HISTORY.

6A. MONDAY NYTIMES EDITORIAL SAYS THIS WEEK'S NATO SUMMIT WOULD BE WELL-ADVISED TO REFRAIN FROM AGREEING TO

AN EARLY DATE FOR CSCE AND MAKE NO COMMITMENT UNTIL
DETENTE IS BACK ON THE TRACK, CITING RUSSIAN FOOT-
DRAGGING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS WITH WESTERN
ALLIES ON BERLIN AND ON BERLIN-RELATED ISSUES WITH WEST
GERMANS. CSCE SHOULD REALLY FOLLOW SALT TWO, SAYS TIMES.
AND SOME REAL PROGRESS ON VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS AND OTHERS.
WEST SHOULD INSIST ON WORTHWHILE AGREEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS, OTHERWISE

A HELSINKI SUMMIT COULD CREATE A FALSE EUPHORIA OVER
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